



JCFN North America & Japan

Directors Letter December 2021

✿JCFN North America Report ✿ (NA Director : Setsu Shimizu)

How are you all doing?

The Advent season has begun! In the U.S., Thanksgiving is over and we're on our way to Christmas! Am I the only one who's surprised that 2021 is flying by so fast?

© Daisuke has been officially installed as a staff on December 1st!" ©

Thank you all for your prayers! Daisuke became a candidate for JCFN in 2018, and after an internship at the church in South Carolina, he temporarily returned to Japan in August 2019. Since then, he has been doing full-scale fundraising in Japan, and with the Lord's guidance and your prayers and support, his support level has been met and he has been installed. Following the appointment of Shiori in April, all of us staff are truly filled with gratitude, joy and anticipation! Hallelujah! Daisuke and his family are currently waiting for their visa applications to be approved. The process has been delayed and delayed due to Covid. So, until the visa is approved, he will start working in Japan. In addition to preparing for the trip to the U.S., follow-up and small group ministry, he will be working to strengthen the church network (especially in the Tohoku area) and as the director of the Equipper Conference committee. Please pray for Daisuke and his family.



© EC21 Youth Camp (12/27-30) ©

The EC21 Youth Camp will be held on December 27-30 at a new venue (Pali Retreat Center) and as of November 18, we have already received about 50 applications including staff. The theme this year is Kingdom Identity. Please pray that this will be the kind of camp where youth will find their identity in Christ. For more information, please visit bit.ly/EC21YouthReg.



© JCFN 30th Anniversary Celebrations ©



The 30th anniversary of JCFN started with the opening of EC20 Beyond. What we couldn't do in person, we celebrated by publishing resources, making a video of our history, and creating a video testimonial for those who returned. Finally, next month at the EC20 Beyond reunion, we will conclude our 30th anniversary walk in gratitude and begin our 31st year! We hope you will enjoy the blessings of our 30th anniversary.

- 30th anniversary video playlist: <https://bit.ly/30playlist>

© EC20 BEYOND REUNION Gather at the reunion! ©

I can't believe it's been a year already! All the blessings of that time all over again! I'm looking forward to seeing you all again. Would you like to share the blessings of EC with your friends? Please come and join us!

Date & Time: Japan: Saturday, January 22, 2022, 11 AM - 2 PM West Coast: Friday, January 21, 2022, 6 - 9 PM

Fee: Free of charge Participants: Anyone! Register @ <https://bit.ly/EC20Dosokai> (Please also use QR code)



✿ Prayer Requests from North America Office ✿

©Please give for the inauguration of Mr. Daisuke Tsuchida. Please pray that their visa will be granted as soon as possible. Please pray for Daisuke's ministry that has just begun.

©Please pray for the blessing and protection of the EC21 Youth Camp. Please pray that we will be protected from Covid and flu. Pray that all participants would encounter Jesus and confirm their identity in Him.

©Pray that the EC20 Beyond reunion will be blessed.

©Thanks for the protection of the 30th anniversary of JCFN, please pray for our progress from the 31st year.

©Please pray for the year-end winter fund raiser in North America. Please pray that the needs will be met.

✿JCFN Japan Report ✿ (Japan Director : Chihiro Okada)

The spread of the Covid has calmed down. We thank God for protecting and guiding us. We pray for protection and guidance for each of you in your walk, family, and ministry as you consider measures against infection, and that you will look forward to the birth of our Savior in peace during this Advent season.

◎ Movements after GRC21◎

Although GRC21 had the limitation of being held online, the online connections have brought good things to the region and new ministries. Here is a look at the progress of each ministry over the past six months.

R35+ (read as R thirty-five up)

One of the new developments since GRC21 has been R35+, where "mature returnees" were encouraged at the Shibuya group of the Japan Regional Network during GRC21 and talked about the need for a peaceful environment to share. So a group was started where returnees over the age of 35 could come together to unburden themselves and share their experiences. The first gathering was held in July, and from there, the core members of the ministry were gathered. The second gathering will be held in November.

Chushikoku and Kyushu Groups (CSK)

The Chugoku-Shikoku-Kyushu (CSK) group, another GRC21 regional network in Japan, continues to meet after GRC21. The group meets monthly and prays for returnees who have been out of fellowship in the region to be connected to Christians and to the church. Although the geographical distance is great in these regions, the fellowship can continue because it is online. In addition, with the cooperation of the Kansai ANRK, CSK members participate in the ANRK online meetings and receive encouragement.

GiFT ~Growing in Fellowship Tokyo

The Tokyo returnees' meeting, GiFT, continues to hold online meetings every two to three months after GRC21. In November, we held a gathering called the Autumn Tea Party, where returnees who needed opportunities to connect with others and share their experiences due to the Corona disaster gathered over a cup of tea and focused on sharing.

ANRK - All Nations Returnees in Kansai

The All Nations Returnees in Kansai (ANRK) also continues to hold online meetings every two to three months. In consideration of the fact that the number of returnees who can participate in the meetings changes depending on the time of day, we have adjusted our meetings from Saturday afternoons to evenings, so that we can be more accessible to returnees. We have also started a bi-weekly small group for female returnees in the Kansai area.

Inspireunion (Tokai)

The Inspireunion (a.k.a. "Inspa") meeting in Tokai has been held on a reunion day for returnees who joined the Tokai group of the GRC21 post-repatriation network. The small group "Re-cafe" has continued to meet once a month for sharing time based on the JCFN returnee workbook.

◎ Winter Fundraise for Japan ◎

A special winter offering will be collected from December in Japan. We invite you to consider supporting JCFN in your church's new year budget. Please pray that the needs will be met and that churches will be added to support JCFN on an ongoing basis.

✿Please pray for JCFN Japan ✿

◎ Pray that the returnee ministries that are being developed in various areas after GRC21 will continue to be encouraged and used as a place for returnees to connect. Pray that the returnee ministries that have been established in various areas after GRC21 will continue to be encouraged and used as a place for returnees to connect.

◎ Pray that the needs of the special winter offering will be met and that churches will be added to support them.

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